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MEMORANDUM FOR FLEET ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY:

Subject: Coordination of Intelligence Production

1. There is enclosed a copy of a proposed N.I.A. Directive on the "Coordination of Intelligence Production" (Enclosure A), which was unanimously concurred in by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board at its 13th Meeting.

2. It is my plan that the preparation of National Intelligence Surveys under CIG coordination will be preceded by such interagency meetings as may be necessary to develop an outline of contents meeting the requirements of the Government, to formulate procedures to produce, maintain current, and disseminate NIS, to establish priorities, and to allocate production and maintenance responsibilities. These meetings would include representatives from other than the permanent IAB agencies when desirable.

3. I have been informed that the JIS is currently preparing, on instruction of the JIC, a recommendation to the JCS that the Joint-Army-Navy Intelligence Studies program be transferred to CIG for incorporation with the NIS program proposed in Enclosure A. It is my opinion that CIG can undertake this responsibility and fully meet the requirements of the JCS. Authority for the CIG to supply intelligence to the JCS is already contained in N.I.A. Directive No. 1, paragraph 2.

4. It is believed that the JCS should have the enclosed proposed N.I.A. Directive before it when it considers the JIC recommendations indicated in paragraph 3 above.

5. Enclosure A to this memorandum will be submitted to the National Intelligence Authority upon notice of action taken on the proposals that the Joint-Army-Navy Intelligence Studies and the Strategic Intelligence Digests be incorporated with the proposed NIS. In connection with the incorporation of SID with the proposed NIS your attention is invited to the enclosed memorandum to the Secretary of War (Enclosure B).

/s/

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
Rear Admiral U.S.N.  
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosures (2)

A- Proposed NIA Dir.  
B- Copy Memo. to Sec. War

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